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Att. No. 1: A two-page report giving fragmentary information on controls in Arkhangelsk at the wharf at the sawmill three to four kilometers south of the city. The depth of water was about twenty feet. At this wharf two vessels, each 407 feet long, could load simultaneously.

the greatest draught at high tide was 24 feet, no vessel could load down to more than 23 feet.

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Att. No. 2: A one-page report which mentions the sighting of five jet aircraft taking off from a location far (sic) to the southwest of Sawmill 16-17. The aircraft were identical, silver-grey in color, with a long nose, swept wings, and four or six jet engines placed right next to the fuselage. The aircraft ascended at an angle of about 45 degrees and disappeared toward the east [no further description]. On the Arkhangelsk side, just southwest of the new bridge between Arkhangelsk and Solombala, the Soviets were constructing brick buildings three and four stories high. the building of homes and the expansion of the road network had an important place in the Seven-Year Plan.

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Att. No. 3: A two-page report mentioning the sighting of about 25 new seal-hunting boats in Arkhangelsk. They displaced about 100 tons, were painted white, and looked completely new. The Soviets were constructing eight two-story houses just north of Sawmill 9-10 on Kegostrov. a bridge would be built over the Dvina just south of Arkhangelsk. the work of casting the bridge foundations had begun on both sides of the river. The attachment contains a rough map showing the bridge's location.

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Att. No. 4: A two-page report mentioning the sighting of three naval vessels north of Kola Inlet [redacted] the large [redacted] 50X1-HUM
[redacted] a SVERDLOV-class cruiser, and the other two as identical, "corvette"-type vessels having one stack and an unusually high mast with an antenna array atop. The sketch accompanying the attachment bears a resemblance to a KNIFE REST. [redacted] four naval vessels arrived at the naval station in Arkhangelsk. [redacted] They were identical, about 75 feet long, and each had one gun in a shield on the forecastle, a bridge with a break in the deck immediately aft, one stack, a gun in a shield and four or five paravanes on the afterdeck (no further description). Also [redacted] seven "expedition vessels" tied up at the naval stations. The 50X1-HUM vessels were identical and looked brand-new; each was painted white, and had a high forecastle forward with portholes followed by a mast with a crow's nest, a break in the deck, a bridge, one stack, and a long deckhouse aft. A sketch of the vessels is included with the attachment. [redacted] the vessels went on expeditions into the Arctic Sea lasting up to two years at a time, carrying a crew of 28 including scientific research workers. At Sawmill No. 23, the depth of water at the middle of the pier was 18 feet near the wharf and 35 feet out toward the river. 50X1-HUM

Att. No. 5: A two-page report which includes fragmentary information on controls at Arkhangelsk [redacted] Four identical five-ton portal cranes, each bearing a sign stating its capacity as five tons [redacted] Four ships, each 260 feet long, could lie at the pier simultaneously. [redacted]

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the sawmill three to four kilometers south of Archangel. The wharf, a wooden structure

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depth of water near the wharf to be about twenty feet.

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the greatest draught at high tide was 24 feet, and they were supposed to have one foot leeway.

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There was no inspection made for clearance at the control station.

Out-clearance check required that all crew members were aboard by means of checking their passes.

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1. AIRCRAFT:

[redacted] a jet aircraft take off from a location far to the southwest. After a few minutes, still another airplane took off, and a few minutes later, three more planes went up, one right after the other. The planes ascended at circa a 45° angle and disappeared towards the east.

Description: The planes were identical with a long nose, wings angled back and four or six jet-engines that appeared to be placed right ^{next} to the body of the plane. The planes were silver-gray in color. There was no fire, smoke or condense-strips left by the aircraft.

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2. THE CITY: On the Archangel side, just southwest of the new bridge between Archangel and Solombala, there was a large building area where res: 50X1-HUM were in the process of construction. Bricks were used for the buildings, and the buildings were three and four storeys high. [redacted] a Seven-Year Plan for the expansion and modernization of the city. [redacted]

[redacted] the building of homes and the expansion of the road and highway-networks were given an important place in the program.

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1. NAVAL: [redacted] 25 new sea-hunting boats at [redacted] 50X1-HUM
the naval station in Archangel. Some of the vessels lay tied up side-by-side
at the pier and others lay at anchor outside. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

Description: All of the vessels were identical, their size being about
100 tons; they were painted white and looked completely new. The vessels [redacted]

[redacted] had comparatively small [redacted] 50X1-HUM
storage space and large superstructures. The vessels had two aluminium life-
boats aft, both of which appeared to be run by engines. 50X1-HUM

2. AIR: [redacted] a helicopter take off
a couple of times each day from a location just east of Archangel. Each time
the aircraft disappeared in a northwesterly direction. 50X1-HUM

Description: The helicopter was small with a bullet-shaped cockpit and
a long, narrow tail. It appeared to be able to carry two men. 50X1-HUM

Every day [redacted] jet planes over the city,
with up to six at a time. [redacted]

3. THE HARBOR: Just north of Sawmill No. 9-10 on Kyego Island eight two-storey
houses were in the process of construction. [redacted]

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were to be used as residences.

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[redacted] a bridge would now be built over the Dvina just south of Archangel. [redacted]

[redacted] the work of casting the bridge foundations had been begun on both sides of the river. (The position of the bridge is shown on the attached sketch).

4. INSPECTION: The inspection was very cursory. [redacted]

[redacted]

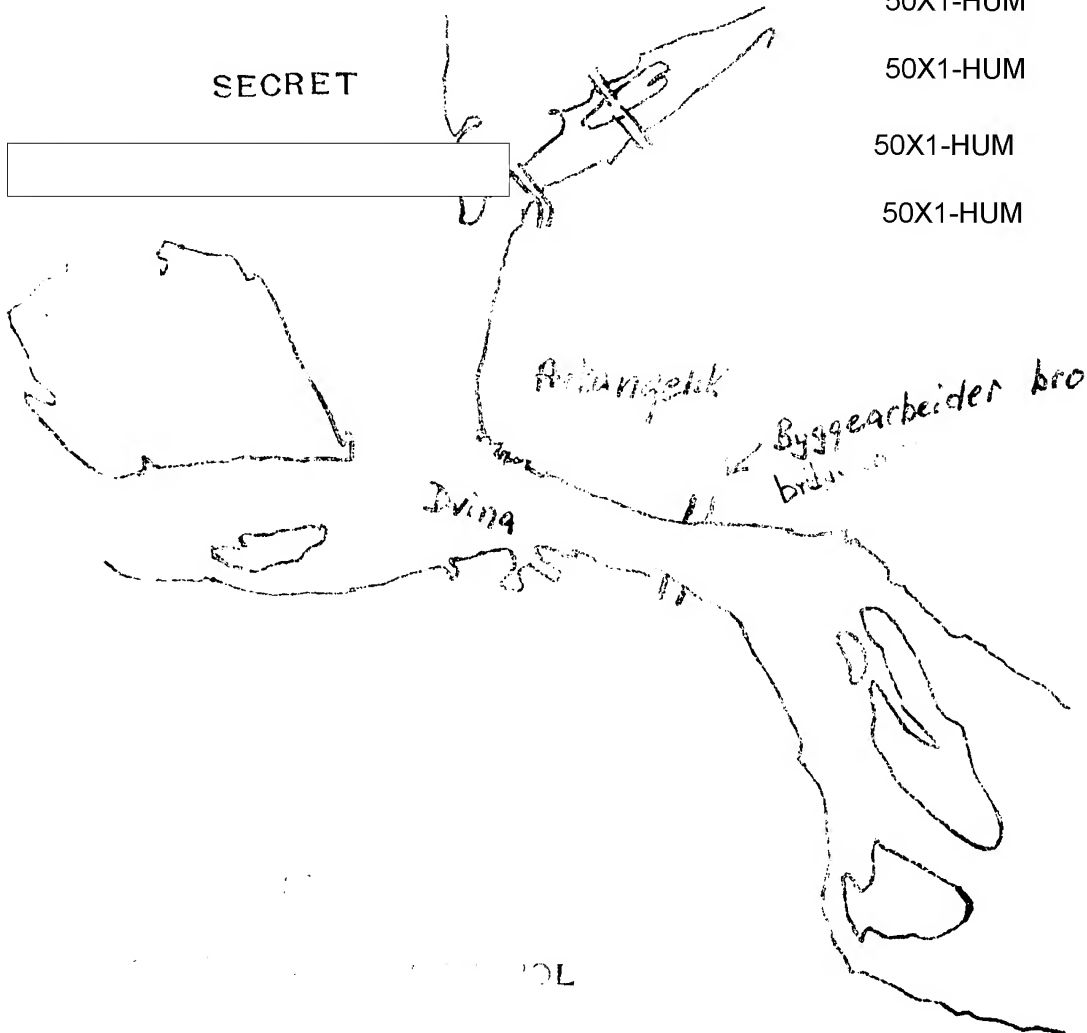
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1. NAVAL:

[redacted] north of the Kola Fjord [redacted] one large and two smaller surface vessels in a southerly direction, in near the coast [redacted] slowly on different courses. 50X1-HUM

Description:

[redacted] the largest vessel was a SVERDLOV cruiser. The two smaller vessels were identical, the "corvette" type with one smokestack. [redacted]

[redacted] both of the small vessels carried an unusually tall mast 50X1-HUM forward of the bridge. At the top of the mast was an antenna-construction or

something similar (See sketch No. 1. [redacted] 50X1-HUM 50X1-HUM 50X1-HUM

[redacted] four surface vessels arrived at the naval station in Archangel. 50X1-HUM

Description: The vessels were identical with a length of about 75 feet,

[redacted] there was one gun in a shield on the forecastle, a bridge with the break immediately aft, one short smokestack, a gun in shield on the after-deck. Each of the vessels had four or five 50X1-HUM paravanes lying on the after-deck.

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[redacted] 50X1-HUM

2.

[redacted] seven white-painted "expedition vessels" 50X1-HUM
 tied up side-by-side at the pier at the naval station in Archangel.

Description: The vessels were identical and looked completely new. They had a high forecastle with ports on the sides. The bridge carried 50X1-HUM with the crow's nest, on the forward edge, and the break down was forward of the bridge, followed by one smokestack and a deck house along most of the after-deck. The vessels had three motor-life-boats. (See sketch [redacted] No. 2). (The sketch does not agree exactly with the description).

[redacted] the vessels were expedition vessels that went on expeditions in the Arctic Sea for periods lasting as long as two years at a time. 50X1-HUM
 The vessels carry a crew of 28 men including the scientific research staff.

2. AIRCRAFT: [redacted]

[redacted] an airplane in the south, flying on a northerly
 course. [redacted]

Description: The aircraft was a high-winged two-engined flying-boat, similar to a CATALINA. The plane had double side-tubes. 50X1-HUM

3. THE HARBOR: [redacted]

[redacted]

The dispatcher at Sawmill No. 23 was a woman [redacted] named

DAVIDOVA. [redacted]

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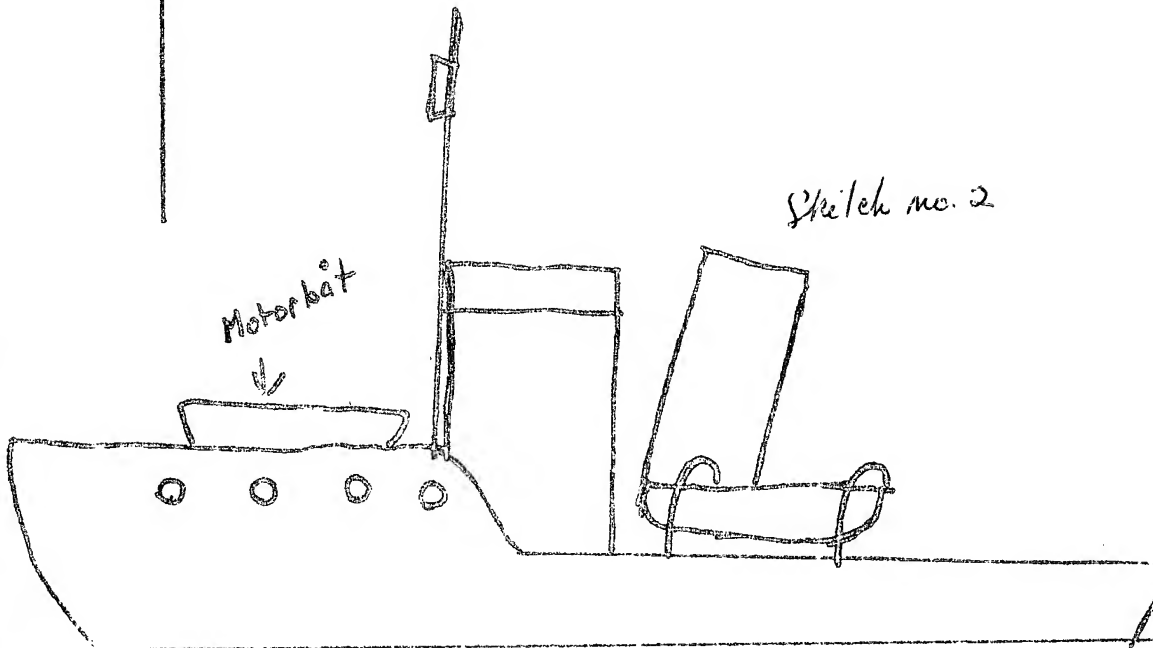
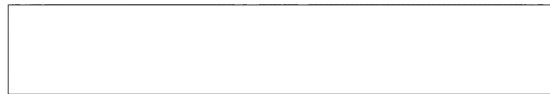


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1. THE HARBOR AND THE CITY:

There were 50X1-HUM

four five-ton portal-cranes on the pier. The cranes were identical and each one had a sign painted on it stating that the capacity was five tons. Four vessels the size of (260 feet) could lie at the pier simultaneously.

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it

was forbidden to take moving pictures in the wharf-areas.

from Port Ekonomia

to Archangel. The road was very poor and most of it was 50X1-HUMth gravel or boards. There was very little traffic on the road. The area between Port Ekonomia and Solombola was wastelands and swamps.